

**REMARKS**

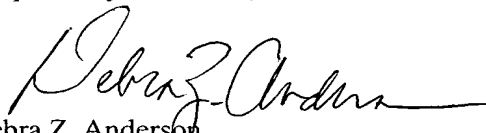
A Notice of Allowance dated January 13, 2003 indicated that the pending claims, Claims 1-10, 27 and 28, were in condition for allowance. In view of Alcoa's prior sale of CU34, as described in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant hereby amends Claims 1, 27 and 28 to indicate that Fe and Si are held to very low levels. No new matter is added; support for this amendment appears in Table 1, which shows the alloy composition of the present invention. Claims 1, 27 and 28 are also amended to "consisting essentially of", to eliminate any possible overlap with prior art alloy compositions.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the present invention, as amended, are patentable in view of the prior sale of CU34. In particular, the alloy composition of the present invention provides improved properties, due to the fact that the Fe and Si content are kept very low. Additionally, the lower homogenization temperature, in combination with very low levels of Fe and Si, results in an extruded product with an unrecrystallized structure and improved properties, as compared with 2024, 2224 and CU34 products.

Claims 1-3, 27 and 28 are also amended to clarify that the extrusion temperature is the extrusion billet temperature. No new matter is added; support for this amendment can be found in Table 3, which lists the extrusion billet temperature used in the examples.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the present invention are patentable over all art of record. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested at an early date.

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